



# HOUSE BILL 111: School Calendar Flexibility/Durham and Person.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	February 21, 2023
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 111 would allow Durham Public Schools and Person County Schools to open no earlier than August 10 each year.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1) requires school calendars to include a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months.

G.S. 115C-84.2(d) provides that, with certain exceptions, the opening date for students in a school calendar must be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students must be no later than the Friday closest to June 11. The State Board of Education may grant a good cause waiver to local boards of education in counties meeting certain requirements that allows the local board to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19.

G.S. 115C-174.12(a)(4) requires that final exams be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the school year for year-long courses and within the final 5 instructional days of the semester for semester-long courses.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 111 would allow Durham Public Schools and Person County Schools to open for students no earlier than August 10 each year. The bill would remove the State Board of Education's authority to grant a good cause waiver because Durham Public Schools and Person County Schools would be granted the authority to open earlier than August 19. The bill states that if Durham Public Schools or Person County Schools has a fall semester that concludes before December 31, assessments can be administered prior to the conclusion of the semester.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would be effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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